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THE SOUTHERN JOURNAL
"In a wreck on the Southern Railway early last Thursday morning a few miles below Lynchburg, Samuel Spencer, President of the road, and three guests who were with him in his private car, Messrs. Charles D. Fisher and Francis T. Redwood, of Baltimore, and Philip Schuyler, of New York, were instantly killed, as well as several employees and passengers. The accident was unique in American railroad history in that it was the first one in which a President of a road has been killed on his own lines. That makes it none the less deplorable, as the men who lost their lives were prominent figures in the business world and will be greatly missed, but if it results in a searching investigation into the cause and a weeding out of careless or incompetent block operators, good may come out of evil."—Cecil County News.

WAS IT AN EARTHQUAKE?
The citizens of Easton were greatly alarmed Wednesday morning over the queer rumbling noise which visited the town, shaking the houses slightly. The first one occurred at 9 minutes after 11 o'clock, which was followed by another shock at ten minutes after 11 o'clock, both of these shocks, which many supposed were earthquake shocks, shook every window and door in the Court House and business houses along Washington and Dover streets, and in some of the private houses on the suburbs of the town, the shocks were so severe that a number of window panes were broken. There were at least a dozen different shocks felt during the morning and afternoon. Those in the morning being the heaviest and causing the damage to the windows in the houses. There have at different times been shocks felt here by the firing of big guns at Annapolis, but you could always hear the reports, but Wednesday morning the shocks were accompanied by no reports. It was remarked by a number of the oldest inhabitants that never in their recollection had they ever heard such noises as those of Wednesday morning.

CHESAPEAKE CITY
Mrs. H. A. Lindsey has been visiting in Wilmington.
Miss Agusta Baker is visiting friends at Cherry Hill, Md.
Mrs. John W. Hudson has been visiting relatives in Baltimore.
Mrs. L. K. Barwick spent one day last week in Philadelphia.
Miss Mary Baker has been visiting friends in Wilmington.
Lambert Manlove, of Cecilton, was a visitor in town on Friday.
Miss Mary Cooper spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Baltimore.
Miss Elsie Garrett, of Elkton, has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Cooling.
Albert Bondlen, of Wilmington, visited his mother during the past week.
Miss Mary Budd spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Centerville, Md.
Miss Martha Lynch, of Warwick, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Pansel.
Dr. Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington, spent Thanksgiving at his home here.
Miss Katharine MacDonald has been visiting Miss Mary Schaefer in Delaware City.
Bennett Johnson, of Wilmington, has been spending a few days at his home here.
Miss Sadie Nicoll spent a few days last week with Mrs. Howard Williams, near Elkton.
Mr. and Mrs. George Mariner, of Philadelphia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beaton.
Ralph Hargreaves, of Media, Pa., spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Alexander.
Edward Kincaide, of Wilmington, spent Thanksgiving with his aunt, Mrs. M. J. Powell.
Miss Lillian Griffith, of Baltimore, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Briscoe.
Hugh W. Caldwell has been elected a member of the National Geographical Society of Washington.
Miss Annie Walker and Clifford Small, of Haddonfield, N. J., visited Miss Lillian Johnson last week.
Miss Mabel Sherman, of Germantown, spent a few days last week with her brother, H. W. Sherman.
Mrs. S. E. Warren and daughter, Lillian, of Elkton, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter.
Thomas B. Hopper, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hopper.

The Poultry and Oyster supper held by the Epworth League in the Methodist Hall last week, proved to be quite a success.
A recent "test" held at the St. Paul State Normal School at Baltimore, Miss Marie Thornton received 100 per cent in Geography. Miss Thornton was a graduate from the Chesapeake City High School, in the class of '04.
Rev. Walter B. Smith, rector of St. Paul's Church, Centerville, and who at one time had charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd of this town, gave an interesting talk in that church on the New Year's Offering to be made at the General Conference of the Episcopal Church in 1907.

DELAWARE-MARYLAND PENINSULA
A writer for the New York Tribune and other publications has written a most excellent description of the Peninsula farms, dwelling briefly on their adaptability to growing grain, fruits and vegetables of all kinds and devotes some space to the many advantages for raising stock—trout and racing horses. The article concludes as follows:
Take a trip and look the vicinity of Middletown, Del., over. You won't need to go to Kentucky for a stock farm. Your own eyes will convince you without any land agent.
Dr. J. C. McCoy is located nine miles above Middletown. He has four of the finest farms in the State, partly engaged in farming and largely engaged in high-class stock raising. His farm, located by Admiral Dewey, 2,044 and Pan. Miel, 2,038.
Mr. Edward Emory, of Centerville, Md., was one of the first men on this peninsula to start the breeding among our farmers, importing Belton, 2,171; Happy Russell, 2,211, and others.
James Merrick, of Sudlersville, Md., claims the honor for the great Democracy, 2,074; Happy J. 2,161 and Ailie Nun, champion show mares of the world, and always has good ones to sell.
Alday Clements, of Crumpton, Md., the owner of some of the loveliest land an eye ever looked over and a most successful farmer, has always around one hundred big-boned horses on hand on his many acres and never asks anything but reasonable prices for anything he sells.
Thomas Curry, of Greenwood, Del., owns three thousand acres of Delaware land and one of the finest farm houses, heated by steam and all conveniences. He has the most beautiful race track on the peninsula, with its beautiful old oak woods extending down the home-street and his caretaker's houses and stables in this lovely grove, giving shade to the horses and men. It is a beautiful place surrounded by Ethel's peach orchards, fields of sweet clover, potato fields and other profitable as well as beautiful crops in their season.
This is the track on which W. B. Biggs of Middletown, Del., developed Redworth, Jr., 2,064 and turned over to Dr. J. C. McCoy the day he won his race at Providence in 2,004. The papers stated that Redworth, Jr., dropped out of the clouds and won in straight heats. He dropped out of Thomas Curry's beautiful oak woods after his trainer, Mr. W. B. Biggs, had stepped him there a mile in 2:10 and repeated him another over that sweet little half-mile track, 2:11, the last fall in 1911. He won all his races, never losing a heat for Dr. McCoy on the Grand Circuit. Mr. Biggs also made the great Barnett B., 2,064, fast there, and marked him over a half mile track. Also Princewood, 2,124 and Prince March, 2,154 that won all first money in two years except one race. The steady roads around this track for jockeying is one of the secrets of Biggs' success. Curry has all kinds of blood. Invoice, 2,194 and a two-year-old by Barnett B., 2,064, out of Mabel Wilkes, 2,171, are his stallions.
On the home farm of the late ex-Gov. J. P. Cochran resides his grandson, C. M. Cochran, the most successful farmer in our neighborhood for the past fifteen years in farming. He has bought two fine farms for himself recently. He is a success in raising cattle and grain and has bred and raised the fastest horse ever raised on the peninsula, Barnett B., 2,064. He is the owner of Prince March, 2,161, and Prince March, Jr., who will give a great account of himself in the future. The latter's dam is Barnett B.'s full sister.
Harriet Price, near Middletown, Del., owns Urtin, 2:11, three years old, by Pan Michael, 2:03, dam Baron Zella, by Baron Wilkes. This wonderful colt got his record with aged horses, driven by Dr. McCoy's trainer, Mr. Suedler, who has proved a very valuable man to the doctor, having marked Admiral Dewey, 2,044, also developed Ethel's Pride, 2,071, and many others the doctor has given long prices for.
J. B. Ford and Nathaniel Williams have fitted up a training track for the purpose of developing their colts which include some by Barnett B., Silent Brook, Boreal and all kinds of good things. Barnett B., 2,064 made five starts. He took the track record at Wilmington, Del., 2:10, and at Baltimore, Md., without hoppers, he was a good second in 2:11, 2:09, and 2:08. He took the Eastern track record, 2:12; the Middletown, Del., track record, 2:11; the Sudlersville, Md., track record, 2:04. He was there four times out of five and a grand second the other time without his hoppers.

THE NEW Iron Steamer Clio
Captain A. J. PALMER, WILL LEAVE
Odessa & Augustine Pier for Philadelphia
AND RETURN FROM
Arch Street WHARF, PHILADELPHIA,
AS FOLLOWS:
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S. E. Lewis.

Sec. of Board of Education.

Middletown will be well represented in Wilmington to-day, owing to the remonstrance in opposition to the granting of a license to the Middletown Hotel. The first batch of summons arrived on Wednesday, and numbered more than 50, and it was necessary to depose several extra men to have them served. In all probability more than 100 people will go to Wilmington on the first train this morning, and will be present at the trial which will be called at 10 o'clock. The case is attracting considerable attention and both sides are expressing themselves as being confident of winning when the case comes up.

The newspaper is for everybody and hence must publish something for everybody. If you see something which is of little interest to you, remember that there are others and that the entire paper is not printed especially for you. The very thing that is dull and uninteresting to you may be the one thing in the paper for some other readers. There are whole pages in the daily papers that are of no interest to us, but they are to others. A paper which contained nothing but such matter that would interest any one or another of us would have a limited number of readers. There are many people of many minds.

State Detective James L. Hawkins Thursday captured Isaac Ingram, colored, who has been wanted for some time on a charge of highway robbery. The arrest was made in Dover. It is alleged that on September 9th Ingram held up William Binkley, also colored, near Middletown and robbed him. He was taken before a justice of the peace A. G. Cox and held for court. Ingram appears to have a weakness for getting into trouble. About a year ago he was one of the principal witnesses in a murder case at Dover. Later he got into a fight with a colored man named Lockwood in Milford and was shot and dangerously injured, but recovered.

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Miss Waleit, of Chertown, Md., is visiting Miss Lydia Cochran.

Mrs. G. Lindley Cochran was in Philadelphia part of this week.

Mrs. G. F. Brady entertained Mrs. Ash, of Delaware City, this week.

Mrs. A. M. Henton is the guest of Smyrna relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sterling Evans, of Elkton, Md., spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ford.

Mr. W. J. H. Lingo, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday with friends and relatives here.

Rev. F. H. Moore visited relatives in Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. V. G. Massey, of Wilmington, visited her son, S. E. Massey, last week.

Miss Anna Jacobs, of Frederick, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Long, on Lake street.

Miss Mary J. Wilson spent several days last week in Dover.

Miss Ethel Givens, of Smyrna, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Harry Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ginn and nephew, Master Delbert Gallagher, were guests of relatives in Wilmington over Sunday.

Mrs. Rebecca Emerson, of Wilmington, is visiting her son, Mr. J. H. Emerson and wife.

Miss Edith Ginn, of near Townsend, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ginn.

Mr. Andrew Crow, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson on Sunday.

Miss Amelia Sparks, of Germantown, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. A. M. Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Denney, of Camden, N. J., visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richards Sunday.

Messrs. J. William Beaton, Norman Kumpel, George Richards and Arthur Evans were Philadelphia visitors Tuesday.

Mr. Edgar Rowe, of New York City, is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Rowe.

Mrs. Henry M. Schroeder and little daughter Henrietta have returned to their home in Lancaster, Pa., after an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvia.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend of Odessa, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Martha, to Dr. Edward Ballard Lodge, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The ceremony will take place on Thursday evening, December 27th, at six o'clock, in the M. E. Church, Odessa.

HYMENEAL

COLEMAN-DAVIS

Chertown, Md., M. E. Church South was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, November 28th, the contractor parties being Miss Mary Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Davis and Mr. Norman W. Coleman.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's beautiful wedding march rendered by Miss Katherine Hookinson of Virginia, the bride entered the church with her maid of honor Miss Alverda Mae Edwards and were met at the altar by the groom and his best man Mr. John J. Jolly of Middletown, where the Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann performed the impressive ceremony.

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ONE WAY OF LOVE

BY WILLIAM MACLEOD RAINIE

From the rhythm of the ball-room, all gay with light and laughter, Tassie Williams fled to the vine-embowered porch known only to the elect. She was eminently a creature of moods, and to-night her humor was especially alien.

The beauty of the star-set sky—some chance word within, had certainly aroused within her an old spirit of revolt against the convention-bound life she lived and the circumscribed people about her. She demanded passionately that people should be more worth while, that they should not be all as like as peas in a pod. Of the commonplace she was weary. Her world had grown too small for her—too tame. She longed to get near to some fierce primal emotion of life—something that had real tragedy in it. She told herself that the butterflies she had just left fluttered away in banalities their capacity for deep feeling. Even Archie, to whom she had pledged her troth, hid any adequate expression of his regard as though it had been a vice, though she knew how much he loved her. Her mood was something less than fair to Archie and his friends, but Miss Tassie had among other feminine charms a capacity for injustice.

The night was lovely beyond compare. Countless stars lit the vault above, and the soft shine of the moon came through the foliage to the enchantment of the grounds below. Tassie drank in the beauty of it all with dreams far-flung. A shadow fell athwart the moonbeam in front of her, and the girl turned reluctantly, chin still in hand, to greet the dancer who had found her out in her retreat.

But the man who stood before her was no dancer. He was not in evening dress, and he was unknown to her. Moreover, there was about him a certain tense repression, a certain fierce light of desperation in his eyes, that proclaimed him bent on no errand of amusement. He wore no hat, and the hair was closer cropped than hair is wont to be. Something menacing in his presence sent a vague alarm filtering through the girl. Then, beneath the rough coat which he wore, she saw the stripes of a convict's suit. Wide-eyed and fearful, the girl got to her feet.

Don't call out! the man ordered curtly.

And even in the stress of her excitement the girl noticed that his voice was musical rather than rough; she noticed, too, the hunted look in his reckless eyes and the hard lines about his ungentle mouth. Yet, though his manner was eloquent of despair and of a bitter hatred against his kind, the girl felt no fear of personal violence. There was about him some quality which proclaimed the fallen gentleman, a mark no more to be eradicated than that of Cain. He might now be a social pariah, but once he had been clean-handed and of gentle breeding. Of so much she was sure.

She was a daring little soul, with a fine comprehension of the sportsman's attitude toward life. It came to her with humorous appreciation that her plaint had been answered with a promptitude which reminded her of the good fairy in her childhood's favorite reading. She had grumbled at the sameness of her round life, and adventure had immediately come knocking at her door. To deny admittance was to label herself a quitter. Perhaps this was why she would not abandon the newcomer without giving him a hearing, and perhaps there was also something in the incongruity of his youth and of his desolation that made its appeal to her. The obvious thing was to scream for help. It would have been the recourse of nine women in ten, but Tassie Williams was the tenth. She had in large degree the gift of efficient silence.

The man drew a long breath of relief. If you would sit down, madam, he suggested, drawing a chair toward her.

Thank you, I will stand, she answered, quietly.

If you prefer. It is very good of you to listen at all. I am a convict—an escaped convict. I broke away this afternoon. This suit of clothes I stole at a farmhouse. I hid in a barn near here. The guards routed me out. They fired at me five minutes ago. I crept over the fence. They have scattered to watch the exits from the grounds while they send for

help. Within fifteen minutes—He stopped with a gesture of despair.

Within fifteen minutes? Tassie asked.

They will come here and take me back to hell.

Again his youth and his suffering struck the bell of sympathy in her breast. Such bitterness, such a helpless despair, she had never before heard in the human voice. It suggested to her undreamed-of vistas of misery, where man looked death in the face and laughed.

A wet crimson stain on his striped blouse caught the girl's eye. You have been wounded, she cried.

I had forgot. They hit me at the fence. It is nothing—a scratch. He spoke quietly, but his blood pounded. For a moment a flush stained the prison pallor of his face. She had shown concern for him, this girl with the sweet supple slowness, the first good woman he had spoken to in many years—the first person that had offered a word of kindness to his tortured soul. He took in the girl's little beauty with hungry eyes. For the moment and for many months afterward she represented to him all that his madness had made impossible. Long since he had outlived any expectation of happiness, but the loneliness of it sometimes took him by the throat.

But you must have it dressed, she cried.

Oh, it is nothing! he told her, impatiently. Then added grimly, They will care for it at the prison.

He had been standing in the shine of the moon, but now she pushed him into the deep shadow of the vines.

Sit down, she bade him.

After you, madam.

She observed him in the shadow and drew her chair close to his, that he might be the better bidden. She was so much a creature of impulse that there occurred to her no lack of congruity between her rich and delicate ball dress and his coarse clothes. But to him the subtle atmosphere of dress came after years bereft of refinement. The presence of this girl, with the warm eyes and pure outline of face went through him like the odor of incense, and for the moment left him faint. The keenness of his pleasure was a stab of pain. His tense throat ached.

Now tell me why you came to me; what can I do for you? she commanded.

A flush flagged through his cheeks. You have already done more for me than I ever expected human being to do again. You have brought back faith to me. I had forgotten, while my heart turned to stone behind the bars, that such women as you existed. If there is a God, I thank Him for you. I could not tell you this if I were what I used to be. But I am now a social leper, and you are an angel from Heaven. My loss gives me the right to speak. Naked human emotions had never before confronted her so nearly. She leaned forward impulsively, and at the warm touch of her hand his pulse leaped.

You are a brother in distress; I shall count it a privilege to hear anything you would care to tell, she said, in a gentle tone.

The habit of repression had grown strong in him. He had lived to himself alone for years. His bold eyes had looked into the future defiantly, without fear and without hope. But now he told his story for the first time. It was all that he could do for her, and he did it without knowing that in so doing he was beginning a new habit of thought.

Four years ago I was sent to prison for embezzlement. I do not tell you that I was innocent. It is my one unique claim to distinction on Embezzler's Row that I have never denied my guilt. Nor have I any excuses to offer. I was a lawyer. I had graduated from the law school with honor, and people predicted for me a brilliant career. I see now that I was the kind of man with whom the difference between a great success and a complete failure lay as it were in the toss of a coin. It was my ill-fortune to step almost at once into the limelight of public notice by my conduct of the Devereux suit. I was looked upon as a coming man—one who had already in large measure arrived. Society took me up and made much of me. This flattery went to my head, for I was a very young man. I began to live beyond my income. Debts piled up and

harassed me. Then some kind friend introduced me to stock gambling. I made some small gains and some larger losses, and plunged deeper to recoup. My affairs began to look ugly. In some fatuous moment I helped myself to trust funds. There was money coming to me, which was tied up for the moment, and of course I expected to repay the amount I had taken. The transgressor always does, I suppose. But everything went wrong with me, and before I could straighten my accounts the shortage was discovered. The judge gave me five years.

You poor boy; you poor boy! she said, gently.

If there is aught more powerful for good than the light of sympathy in a woman's eyes it has yet to be heard of. No purist could have called this girl beautiful, but she had that which is more winning than beauty, a brown sun-tinted mobile face, lit by eyes aglow with sympathy. Her voice had a moving cadence with an odd sparkle to it, a sweet note of uplift that called men to higher living. Of the many men who had loved her there was not one but had been better for it. The influence could not be overestimated.

Since then it has been given me to endure the unendurable. Of that death in life I thank God you can have no faintest conception. I dared not think, for that way madness lay. So I used to lie through sleepless nights and practice devices to banish the past. The day was better, for then the fatigue of unusual labor precluded thought. Four years dragged away, and many times I planned unfeasible methods of escape. To-day my opportunity came during a change of guards and I broke away. After they had traced me here there seemed but one chance—to find some woman alone and force her, through fear, to talk with me in the shadow and so, perhaps, impose myself on my hunters as one of the guests. With that intent I crept up on you. But your generous spirit has disarmed me.

There came to them softly on the night air the strains of music. The convict listened, with a troubled face emotion-shot. I used to dance that waltz a century ago—before I was known as Number 237, he said slowly.

What are your plans if you get away? the girl asked.

I have a brother who is ranching in Arizona; Ed stood by me through thick and thin; I'll trespass on his kindness again.

Do! she cried. Begin life in a new land. Forget the past; blot it from your memory, or rather make it an incentive to a better and a happier future.

His lips parted in the grimmest of smiles—one suggestive of a sardonic self-contempt.

The girl's eyes grew wistfully eager. She began to talk again, hesitant in tones, but sure of purpose. You look and speak as if life were ended for you. Believe me, it is not. You are young; you are strong. There are many years yet before you in which to redeem the errors of your past. Life is never over for the brave man. It takes courage to be happy if one has a soul above balls and dinners. But it may be achieved provided one has faith and optimism. You have to trust and believe. You have to play the game out.

A sharp tread came crisply down the walk toward them. The girl rose to her feet—white, but steady—just as a blond, broad-shouldered, well-built gentleman came lightly up the steps. That you, Tassie? he asked, quickly; then added, in evident relief, Glad I found you; I came to look for you because an officer was just telling me that one of the convicts—He stopped abruptly. In the shadows behind her he saw a figure of a roughly dressed man, and something in the girl's face made him pause. Anything wrong? he cried, and again his eyes swept over the white shadow-face among the vines, out of every line of which started a dogged and a baggard recklessness.

Nothing wrong, Archie, answered the girl, cheerily. But I want you to do something for me. Go into the cloak-room and bring two hats and two overcoats. Then come back here at once, please.

Her lover's face became grave. The situation was patent to him without an explanation. That Tassie was trying to save the man was reason enough to enlist his sympathy, even if the facts of his daring escape and of his being a hunted man had not appealed to the sportsman in him. It was characteristic of his attitude toward his sweetheart that he had no criticisms to make and no questions to ask. But he could not leave without some assurance of her safety—without some knowledge of the fugitive she was shielding.

If the man behind you will give me his word that you are in no danger, he suggested.

I'd rather be struck dead than let a hair of her head be hurt, came the answer from the shadows with a fire of passion that startled his questioner.

The young man bowed and turned away at once.

For a moment nothing was said, but suspicion was alert in the convict's mind. Presently it broke into words. I suppose he is true.

As steel, answered the girl, serenely.

His face cleared. I beg your pardon. I might have known it, he replied, humbly. Four years ago I would not have said that; no, nor thought it.

Four years from now you will not think such things. Your faith in men will have come back to you. Then she asked, abruptly: How much of your sentence is still to serve?

Seven months.

Only seven months? Oh, what a pity! What a pity!

How do you mean? he cried, surprised.

She turned on him with shining eyes, her hands going out to him, unconsciously. Go back and finish your sentence. Pay your debt in full. Then go out into the world with your head up. You cannot afford to be a skulker from the law all your life. You were made for better things than that. If you have done wrong you must stand the punishment; you must endure the grief. Surely you do not want to start your new life with a lie.

You don't know what you ask, the man broke out, hoarsely.

No; I don't. It is an easy thing for me to ask, but it will be a splendid thing for you to do. And you will do it—I know you will do it.

He groaned. I can't do it; you don't understand.

I understand this, she cried, eyes vivid with faith in him, that you are going to have another try at life, and you have got to build on an honest foundation. You will finish payment, and then you will go to your brother. The West is generous. It asks no questions, but takes a man on his merits. I hope great things for you.

His eyes scorched. You will never know how much you have done for me, he said, simply.

She laughed softly; happiness vibrating in her voice.

And you will never know what you have done for me.

Then Archie's rapid tread came to them. He lost no time in beating about the bush. Slip on this coat and hat, he told the convict. Quick! They are coming.

The other man shook his head. I am going to give myself up.

If Archie had known the girl he loved less well he would have been amazed. As it was he simply accepted the convict's statement, and with a tact the other man appreciated, stepped out to detain the guards in talk for a minute.

There were both power and delicacy in the firm little hand held out to the convict by the girl in the shadows.

Good-by! Some day you will come back and see us again, and all this will then be only like a bad dream to you.

The young man's face was broken with emotion. He touched her hand for a moment, then, with a little sob, stooped and kissed the edge of her gown.

I was beyond the pale; one accused beyond redemption—yet you stooped to me. God be good to you; God be good to you always—always, he murmured.

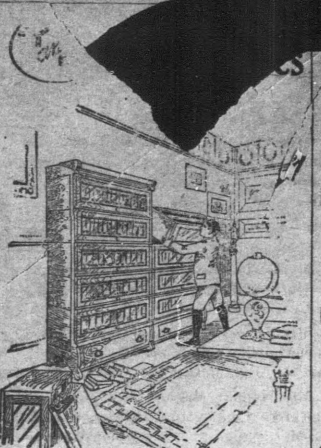
Then he walked into the light and gave himself up. The girl buried her face in her hands. She heard a startled oath, and then the click of handcuffs fastening on the convict's wrists.

Poor boy! Poor boy! Did I do right to send him back? That question echoed insistently through her consciousness.

But in her heart she knew that she had.

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| 15.00 Gray Worsteds | \$12.00 |
| 16.00 High Grade Worsteds | \$14.00 |
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| Real Value | Sale Price |
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| 8.00 Black, Blue and Gray Beaver | \$6.00 |
| 9.00 Heavy Gray | \$6.50 |
| 10.00 Heavy, Storm Coat | \$6.75 |
| 11.00 Fine Black and Blue Beaver | \$7.00 |
| 12.00 Fine Oxford Gray | \$7.50 |
| 13.00 Fine Hersey | \$8.00 |
| 14.00 Extra Fine Thibet | \$9.25 |
| 15.00 Imported Oxford | \$9.98 |
| 17.00 Long Coat Vienna | \$11.00 |
| 20.00 Imported Kersey | \$12.00 |

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| \$2.00 Black and Blue Cheviot | 98c |
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